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SUBJ: TEXT OF COPENHAGEN SAKHAROV COMMITTEE'S OPEN LETTER
OF MAY 17

REF : SANTIAGO 4100

WE HAVE OBTAINED THE MAY 17 COPENHAGEN SAKHAROV COMMITTEE
LETTER TO LUIS CORVALAN WHICH WAS ISSUED AS A PRESS RELEASE.
COMPLETE TEXT FOLLOWS: (BEGIN QUOTE)

OPEN LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE
LUIS CORVALAN

PRESS RELEASE. COPENHAGEN, MAY 17, 1977.

AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF YOURSELF FROM PRISON IN CHILE AND
VLADIMIR BUKOVSKI FROM THE USSR, YOU HAVE IN THE FRENCH
NEWSPAPER "L'OBSERVATEUR" EXPRESSED: "I HAVE NEVER FOR
REASONS OF CONSCIENCE OR POLITICAL REASONS BEEN AGAINST THE
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PRINCIPLE OF AN EXCHANGE."

THIS IS THE BACKGROUND FOR OUR WRITING YOU DIRECTLY RE THE
13 POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHO ALL BELONG TO THE COMMUNIST
PARTY IN CHILE, FOR WHOM THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF BEING
SET FREE THROUGH ANOTHER EXCHANGE WITH 13 POLITICAL PRISONERS
FROM THE USSR. BOTH AMONG THE PRISONERS IN THE SOVIET UNION

AND IN CHILE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO BETWEEN 15 AND 20 YEARS.

QUESTION NO. 1:

WOULD YOU ON THE BASIS OF YOUR BACKGROUND CONTACT DIRECTLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR IN ORDER TO ARRANGE THE SAID EXCHANGE?

QUESTION NO. 2:

WOULD YOU ALSO CONTACT DIRECTLY FIDEL CASTRO IN ORDER TO HAVE THE KP-SENATOR JORGE MONTES FROM CHILE EXCHANGED WITH HUBERT MATOS FROM CUBA?

ALTHOUGH YOU ARE OF THE OPINION THAT OUR COMMITTEE "SENDS OUT INTENSIVE ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA" WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT MUCH WORK WAS DONE IN ORDER TO ARRANGE THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND VLADIMIR BUKOVSKI, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU NOT ONLY IN PRINCIPLE BUT ALSO PRACTICALLY WILL COOPERATE IN ORDER THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED EXCHANGE CAN TAKE PLACE AND THAT TOLERANCE AND HUMANISM WILL AGAIN HAVE A CHANCE - NOT ONLY FOR YOU, BUT ALSO FOR OTHERS.

WITH BEST REGARDS,
THE SAKHAROV HEARING COMMITTEE
OJVIND FELDSTED ANDRESEN
CHAIRMAN. END QUOTE.
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